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Leicestershire Police & Partner Agencies
Youth Out-of-Court Scrutiny Panel
Minutes
3rd November 2017

1. Attendance

Kirk Master – Chair - Deputy PCC
Mark Verran – Leicester YOS
Adrian Bakari – Leicestershire YOS
Chris Trotter – CPS
Andy Cooke – Chair Youth Panel
Rosemary Monk – Deputy Chair Youth Panel
John Norman - Leicestershire Police
Rob Widdowson – Leicestershire Police
Kayley Galway – Turning Point
Jemma Dickenson – YOS (observing)

2. Apologies

Caroline Barker - Leicestershire Police
Hilary Allton – Leicester Magistrate Court
David Sandall – Leicestershire Police

3. Minutes and Actions from last meeting

Amendment to attendee's name – should read Andy Cooke - Chair Youth Panel.

4. Youth Offender Disposal Data

John went through the Data sheets information.
Andy, again, asked about his previous request for breakdown of data into ethnicity. John will chase this information and update Andy.

5. Panel Cases for Consideration

The 15 cases chosen at random by the OPCC were reviewed by the panel and the following recorded:

9 Cases graded 1
3 Case graded 2
3 Case graded 3
0 Cases graded 4

There were no cases deemed 4 where the panel failed to reach a conclusion, (although Case No 4 was split into 2 results – 1&4).

Case No:	Case:	Disposal:	Outcome:	Category:	Comments:
01	Assault ABH	Youth Caution	Appropriate but with observations	2	This was a case whereby a 15 year old student female had assaulted another female student at school by stamping on her face and punching her several times causing swelling, grazing and shoulder ligament damage. The panel felt that the nature of the assault and the lack of a full admission meant that a charge should have been considered.
02	Battery	Youth Community Resolution	Appropriate and Consistent	1	
03	Damage/threats to cause damage	Youth Community Resolution	Appropriate but with observations	2	A 14 year old girl sent text messages to her estranged adoptive mother threatening to assault her and set fire to the house. The girl then attended the victims house and sprayed graffiti on the gate. The panel felt that in view of the surrounding circumstances of this case and the vulnerability of the offender the outcome was correct, although the gravity score of the offences indicated a more severe disposal was appropriate.

04	Battery	Youth Caution & Youth Community Resolution	Appropriate and Consistent	1 & 4	Two 16 year old excluded pupils have attended a school playing field and assaulted another pupil (pre-arranged meeting) by punching him and headbutting him. The panel felt that although the disposal for one youth who only punched the victim was correct, the second youth denied headbutting the victim therefore a charge should have been considered.
05	Theft and Damage	Youth Conditional Caution	Appropriate and Consistent	1	
06	Battery	Youth Community Resolution	Appropriate and Consistent	1	
07	Theft from Store	Youth Community Resolution	Appropriate and Consistent	1	
08	Damage	Youth Community Resolution	Appropriate and Consistent	1	
09	R/agg Public Order	Youth Community Resolution	Inappropriate and inconsistent with Police policies and/or CPS	3	A 37 year old female was racially abused and followed by a 14 year old youth. Although the offence was admitted, and the 14 year old had not been in trouble previously, the panel felt that at the very least

			code for Crown Prosecution		the case should have been referred to the YOS Panel, and the CPS representative felt that a charge could have been justified.
10	Damage	Youth Community Resolution	Appropriate and Consistent	1	
11	Damage	Youth Community Resolution	Appropriate and Consistent	1	
12	Possession of a knife/bladed article	Youth Conditional Caution	Appropriate and Consistent	1	
13	Possession of knife/bladed article	Youth Conditional caution	Appropriate but with observations	2	A 16 year old student was found at school to be in possession of a lock-knife at school. Although the disposal (due to the youth's age) was consistent with national policy, the CPS felt that a concealed prohibited weapon on school premises would have merited the youth being charged.
14	Battery	Youth Community Resolution	Inappropriate and inconsistent with Police policies and/or CPS code for	3	A 16 year old pupil at at Special Behavioural School assaults another pupil by punching him several times to the face causing bruising and swelling. Although the youth had no offending history the unprovoked nature of the offence

			Crown Prosecution		together with a lack of remorse indicated that a higher level disposal would have been appropriate.
15	Battery	Youth Community Resolution	Inappropriate and inconsistent with Police policies and/or CPS code for Crown Prosecution	3	A 15 year old boy assaulted his 17 year old sister in the street by pulling her hair and pushing her to the ground. In view of the fact that the boy had received a Youth Caution in 2014 for a previous assault and the full facts of the incident were not admitted it was felt that a higher disposal than a Community Resolution was justified.

6. Communication

John has been working with the PCC's office and confirmed that all the work from this panel and the Adult panel meetings are available on the PCC's Website. We also have publication on the internal police websites.

John confirmed that the good work identified by officers would be feed back to them.

7. AOB

No any other business.

8. Meeting Dates

12th January 2018 – Main Conference Room – FHQ @ 10am

17th April 2018 - Main Conference Room – FHQ @ 10am

31st July 2018 - Main Conference Room – FHQ @ 10am

30th October 2018 - Main Conference Room – FHQ @ 10AM